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TAGS: OREP (FINDLEY, PAUL)

SUBJECT: CODEL FINDLEY VISIT TO KOREA

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1. CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. PAUL FINDLEY PAID VISIT TO SEOUL, ARRIVING AUGUST 20 AND DEPARTING AUGUST 22 FOR HONG KONG.

2. ITINERARY INCLUDED CONGRESSMAN'S VISIT TO PANMUNJOM VIA HELICOPTER WITH MEMBERS OF CODEL ADDABBO JUST PRIOR TO LATTER'S DEPARTURE. REPRESENTATIVE FINDLEY, ACCOMPANIED BY CHARGE, ALSO PAID CALLS ON PRESIDENT AND SPEAKER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WHO ALSO ENTERTAINED THE FINDLEY'S AT DINNER.

3. CALL ON PRESIDENT LASTED NINETY MINUTES (REFTEL). KOREA HERALD GAVE FRONT PAGE PLAY TO CONGRESSMAN'S HONG KONG PRESS CONFERENCE, EMPHASIZING PRESIDENT PAK'S CONCERN EXPRESSED DURING CALL THAT POSSIBLE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL VISIT TO PYONGYANG WOULD "DRIVE WEDGE BETWEEN U.S. AND SOUTH KOREA." SAME ARTICLE CARRIED FINDLEY'S QUOTE THAT HE WAS HEARTENED TO READ PARK'S REMARKS (TO NEW YORK TIMES HALLORAN) THAT KOREA CAN DEFEND ITSELF IN FIVE YEARS ALTHOUGH CONGRESSMAN SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS SERIOUS MISTAKE TO WITHDRAW

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TROOPS NOW OR TO SET FIXED TIMETABLE ON EVENTUAL

WITHDRAWAL. LOCAL PRESS CARRIED SIMILAR STORIES.

4. CONGRESSMAN ALSO RECEIVED EMBASSY AND UN COMMAND
BRIEFINGS.
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